Rail link between Mainaguri and Jogighopa

1488. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the new rail link between Mainaguri to Jogighopa in Assam;

(b) whether the said project would be completed within the scheduled time; and

(c) what is the total budget of the project and amount spent on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) Land acquisition, earthwork, bridge work taken up. Overall physical progress is 18.63%. Work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Completion target has not been fixed.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs.894 crore. An Expenditure of Rs. 149.30 crore has been incurred upto 31.03.2007 and an outlay of Rs. 55 crore has been provided for the project during 2007-08.

Logistic parks along freight corridor

1489. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on construction of logistic parks along freight corridor in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have discussed its project with State Governments also; and

(d) the States which are covered under this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As part of study for the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), RITES have identified setting up of logistic parks along DFC on western and eastern routes. 6 locations on western and 2 locations on eastern corridor were Identified.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Railways had written to State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Bihar in this regard seeking their active support.

High speed train corridor

1490. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing high speed train corridors by Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time this scheme would take for actual implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors, equipped with state-of-the-art signaling and train control systems, for running high speed trains at speeds of 300 to 350 kms. per hour; one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country.

In this regard, various State Governments were approached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Kamataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibility studies.

Ministry of Railways have also conducted Financial and Economic Analysis for Mumbai-Ahmedabad and Delhi-Amritsar high speed rail corridors.

(c) This proposal is in its initial stages. Hence, it is not possible to predict the actual time of implementation of this scheme.

Proposal for new rail projects from Karnataka

1491. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has recently proposed some new rail projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the reaction of Railways in this regard project-wise; and

(d) the action, if any, so far, taken by the Railways in relation to each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Details of the new rail project proposed by the Government of Karnataka recently and action taken thereon is as under:—

Sl. No.	Proposal	Action taken
1.	Doubling of Ramanagaram-Mysore section with electrification of Bangalore-Mysore	Work included in the Budget 2007-08.
2.	Extension of rail line from Talguppa to Honavar	Survey sanctioned.
3.	Krishnaraja Nagar-Kushal Nagar new line	Survery sanctioned.